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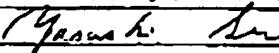
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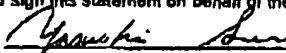
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Country/ Origin	Patent Application Serial No.	Title	Filing Date
U.S.A.	09/289,550	User Interface For Electronic Trading System	April 7, 2000
U.S.A.	09/651,301	User Interface For Semi-Fungible Trading	August 30, 2000
Europe	00920223.5	User Interface For Electronic Trading System	April 7, 2000
Japan	2000-611188	User Interface For Electronic Trading System	April 7, 2000

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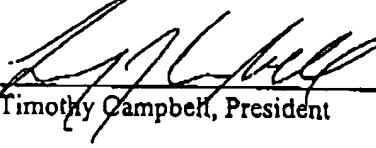
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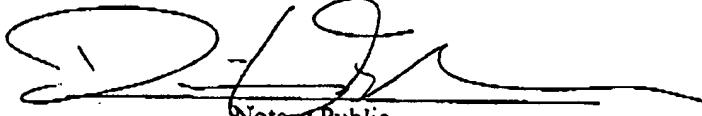
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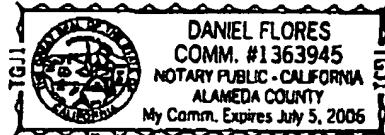
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